Buffalo, April 19, 1873.

My dear Gray:

I was one of the bearers, yesterday, at the funeral of a friend, with whom I have set upon the bench ever since the organization of our Court – some 19 years ago. In the associate of some 14 or 15 years, died about two years since. I am old, & weary, & sad. Torrey has gone to Paradise, & you are going to Europe. What shall I do? I potter at my herbarium, but I fear I shall care little for collecting in this tardily-opening season! Do give me a joy if you can! I have Kittredge & Smedley's Californian

collection. but the list of these specimens is not yet printed; & I am out of work. You wrote me some time ago. that you had some of the Rubiaceae for me. but were waiting to add to them. Please send them on. for I am hungering for work. Read. what is better. tell me when you start for Europe. that Pandemonium of Science (falsely so called. I fear.) and give my love to Mrs Gray. to whom I am so thankful. & believe me

Ever yours,

W. W. Christy.

Asa Gray.